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A chilling Islamic State video hints that Times Square is a terror target as montages of a suicide bomber donning his explosive vest are cut in with images of New York. The NYPD said there is no “current or specific threat” at this time. 8



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POLICE RAID FOILS PLAN

1 A female suicide bomber blew herself up in a police raid in the Paris suburb of St. Denis on Wednesday sources said had foiled a jihadi plan to hit Paris' business district, days after a wave of attacks killed 129 across the French capital.

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**BIKERS' CIVIL SUIT**

2 Five of the bikers indicted in the deadly May fight among motorcycle gangs in Texas filed a civil rights lawsuits this week against McLennan County officials and Waco police, claiming wrongful arrest and incarceration, according to court documents. Lawyers for bikers Matthew Clendennen, Robert Bucy, George Bergman, Noe Adame and Jorge Salinas filed individual lawsuits in federal court in Texas on Tuesday, six months after the May 17 battle at Twin Peaks Sports Bar and Grill in Waco. REUTERS

MTA FINALIZING BUDGET

3 The MTA presented the details of their finalized 2016-2019 budget in a board meeting on Monday — about a month after reaching a funding agreement to finance the \$29 billion capital plan that dragged on for months, and slashed \$1 billion from the second phase of the Second Avenue subway. REUTERS

**GIANT INFLATABLE TOILET AT UN**

7 An enormous, inflatable commode was erected on the front lawn of the United Nations on Wednesday. Its purpose — to raise awareness about the lack of sanitation throughout the world. In July 2013, the United Nations General Assembly voted unanimously to officially designate Nov. 19 as World Toilet Day.



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UBER HELPS FIGHT FLU

4 Uber wants to help fight off any potential disease by bringing back the idea of house calls with UberHEALTH — a pilot program started last year. From 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday, Uber will be delivering wellness packs for \$10. Anyone who requests and receives a wellness pack will also have the option to request a free flu shot from a registered nurse. METRO

**STORMS KILL 3 OUT WEST**

5 At least three people were killed and about 250,000 homes and businesses were without power in Washington state Wednesday after a storm blew down trees and triggered mudslides, authorities said. A wide swath of the Puget Sound region was under flood watches and warnings through Wednesday, the National Weather Service said. In the Spokane area of eastern Washington, utility Avista said nearly 115,000 customers were without power and the city closed schools after winds up to 70 mph tore through the area. REUTERS

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6 Customers who switch to Sprint from Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile will have to pay only half of what they pay for their existing plans, the No. 4 U.S. carrier said in a bid to lure users to its network ahead of the holiday season. The offer will not apply to all plans from its competitors. REUTERS



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Street art can be beautiful, experimental and unifying. But as far as Mikhail Novikov is concerned, if it's not controversial, it's not the real deal.

"Street art stands for the controversy," he explained. "It says a lot of the things that some people do not want to say, and that's a big thing to me because art itself has to have some kind of message."

And Novikov, 25, wants to give that message a new venue. After working as, essentially, a commercial street artist making signage and stencils for buildings, he quit his job in July and bought the defunct 210 Gallery in South Slope.

The former contemporary art space was to be his own studio, but in the process of renovating it he considered what would serve the neighborhood and the people around him, and changed course.

Stand with the controversy



AINAC's one-man show will open the all-new 210 Gallery. PROVIDED

"I was looking at its past history as being an art gallery, and me being in design, manufacturing,

working with a lot of artists, I figured, we'll throw an event for one of my good friends," he said.

That friend is AINAC, or Art Is Not A Crime, who's known for his Abraham Lincoln stencils. It's

a technique common in street art, but Novikov says don't just expect a series of canvases about our

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"In the display, there are going to be art installations that try to take the outside inside, so to speak," he said. "I want it to be a nice surprise for the show, but it will be unique."

The gallery's fate as a display space isn't guaranteed — Novikov says this weekend's exhibit will serve as a test for gauging interest in the concept, which can seem contradictory. But besides providing a place where street art can't be defaced or removed, a gallery is a space where the artist doesn't have to fear arrest, which is what happened to AINAC in 2014.

"We really want to see the feedback," he said. "Street galleries are very rare and unique in their way."

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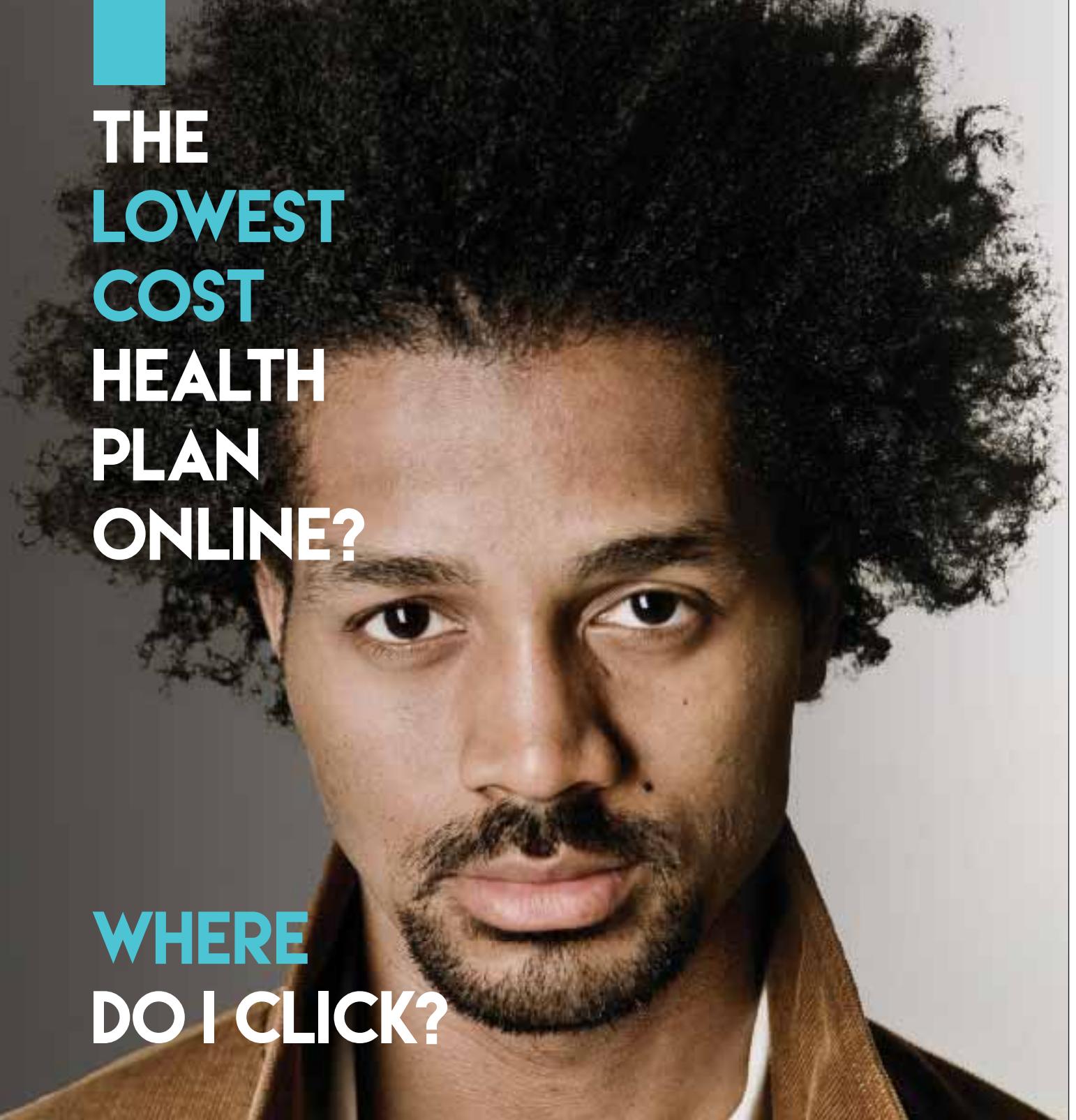
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BRIEF

NYC to build 15,000 supportive housing units by 2030

New York City will seek to build 15,000 new units of housing designed to help connect homeless residents with on-site services for those with specific needs.

At a total expected cost of \$2.6 billion, City Hall expects to pay for development and construction of the units with money devoted in the next city budget and from private sources

as well as by tax credits.

While the rollout of new housing will span over a decade, City Hall officials acknowledged the lack of an immediate fix for New York City's current battle against record homelessness.

There are currently 32,000 supportive housing units across the city, and the city's Human Resources Administration Commissioner Steve Banks recognized that is not for all

New Yorkers in need.

Banks said the city has an existing waitlist that includes homeless but also domestic violence survivors, veterans, those afflicted with HIV/AIDS and people overcoming substance abuse.

"Of that population within the shelter system, there are about five people for every one slot that's available," Banks said. "So it will make a tremendous difference by filling that gap."

News of the city's plan comes amid an ongoing battle with state legislature in Albany, which has traditionally pitched in to cover supportive housing plans.

While a bipartisan group of 26 state Senators sent a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo to echo an existing request by 133 Assembly members, de Blasio said the city would "not wait on anyone else" to pay for supportive housing. METRO



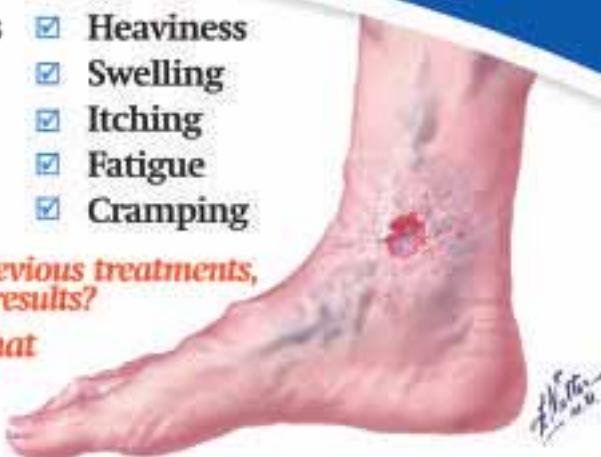
Freelancer Tracy Ann Essoglu, along with many other independent contractors, will join in honoring a "Day of Action" Thursday, during which freelancers demand overdue pay. HANNAH MATTIX

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It took Tracy Ann Essoglu three months to get paid for 89 hours worth of work she did for a recent freelance job.

"They loved me on the job," she told Metro New York. "Then, lo and behold, when it was time to get paid it took me another 15 hours worth of work just to get paid."

As an artist-slash-teacher-slash-author-slash-translator, Esso-

glou is one of some 1.6 million freelancers working in New York City — of which an estimated 77 percent of whom have been paid late or not at all at least once.

On Thursday, freelancers from across industries are mobilizing in co-working spaces across Manhattan to draw more in more peers who are struggling to secure payment for jobs done.

"So much of New York City's business is based on what we used to call underground economies," Essoglu, 55, said. "They're not really underground anymore."

Thursday's effort is the latest in an ongoing campaign pushing for legislative reforms to protect freelance workers across the five boroughs.

"Freelancers are being



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Essoglu

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- The Yard (Flatiron)
- Brown Bag Networking 12:30 p.m., LMHQ (Financial District)
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- The Grind (Kips Bay)

stiffed on average \$6,000 a year, which would have a big impact on anybody's bottom line," said Caitlin Pearce, an associate director with the Freelancers Union.

The group, which is at the forefront of the mobilization, has about 150,000 members in New York City — ground zero for what Pearce said she hopes will be revolutionary legislation to protect freelance workers across any number of industries that include writers, child care workers, tech sector employees, design-

ers and more.

In September, Brooklyn Councilman Brad Lander committed to developing legislation to protect freelance workers' rights, potentially allowing "gig-workers the right to organize and bargain collectively," he said in a statement at the time.

No bill has been introduced by early November, but Lander previously said he wanted to do so by January.

Essoglu had at least one specific recommendation for whatever legislation comes about.

"If you're a squeaky wheel it can also be the reason people walk away," she said, explaining that workers don't want to be punished by employers in response to asking for money due.

"A lot of us are freelancers because we're either creative or we just have multiple responsibilities," Essoglu said. "We're trying to get paid but also get the next job. Whenever we don't get paid, they dent the possibility of moving forward."

BRIEF

Madoff victims to recoup \$1.42 billion in two payouts

Victims of Bernard Madoff's Ponzi scheme can expect to soon receive about \$1.42 billion to help cover their losses, after two U.S. judges on Wednesday authorized the payouts.

In the first payout, customers who invested directly with Madoff will receive about \$1.18 billion from Irving Picard, the trustee liquidating Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC.

Separately, former customers of J. Ezra Merkin, a New York money manager who funneled their money to Madoff through his Ariel and Gabriel Capital "feeder funds," will receive nearly \$236 million, court papers show.

The payouts were approved less than a month before the seventh anniversary of Madoff's fraud being uncovered in December 2008.

In a statement, Picard

said U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stuart Bernstein in Manhattan on Wednesday authorized him to release \$1.5 billion from reserves.

Picard said \$1.18 billion will go to former Madoff customers in a payout expected to begin this year, with the remainder held back pending the outcome of separate litigation over the fraud.

Individual distributions would range from \$1,287 to \$200.4 million, Picard has said.

Once the payout, Picard's

sixth, is finished, eligible recipients will have recouped about \$9.13 billion.

This includes full payment on 1,264 of the 2,227 Madoff accounts with valid claims, including everyone owed \$1.16 million or less, the trustee said.

Picard has recovered or reached agreements to recover roughly \$10.91 billion, about three-fifths of the \$17.5 billion of principal he has said Madoff customers lost. REUTERS



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ISIS says ‘Schweppes bomb’ used to bring down Russian plane

The downed aircraft, an Airbus A321 operated by Metrojet, had been carrying Russians from an Egyptian resort to Saint Petersburg when it broke up over Sinai.

Islamic State's official magazine carried a photo on Wednesday of a Schweppes drink it said was used to make an improvised bomb that brought down a Russian airliner over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula last month, killing all 224 people on board.

The photo showed a can of Schweppes Gold soft drink and what appeared to be a detonator and switch on a blue background, three simple components that if genuine are likely to cause concern for airline safety officials worldwide.

"The divided Crusaders of the East and West thought themselves safe in their jets as they cowardly bombarded the Muslims of the Caliphate," the English language Dabiq magazine said in reference to Russia and the West. "And so revenge was exacted upon those who felt safe in the cockpits."

Western governments have said the plane was likely brought down by a bomb and Moscow confirmed on Tuesday it had reached the same conclusion, but the Egyptian



Debris belonging to the A321 Russian airliner are seen at the site of the crash in Wadi al-Zolomat. GETTY IMAGES

government says it has still not found evidence of criminal action.

Islamic State also published a photo of what it said were passports belonging to dead Russians "obtained by the mujahideen". It was not immediately possible to verify the authenticity of the published photos.

The group, which has seized large swathes of Syria and Iraq, said it had exploited a loophole at Sharm al-Sheikh airport, where the plane originated, in order to smuggle a bomb on board.

The airport is widely used by budget and charter airlines to fly tourists to the nearby resorts on the Sinai coast.

Islamic State said it had initially planned to bring down a plane belonging to a country participating in the U.S.-led coalition bombing it in Syria and Iraq, but it changed course after Moscow started its own airstrikes campaign in Syria.

"A bomb was smug-

ged onto the airplane, leading to the deaths of 219 Russians and five other crusaders only a month after Russia's thoughtless decision," it said.

Egypt's interior minister told a news conference in Sharm al-Sheikh on Tuesday that there was "no information" about security lapses at the airport.

The group, which has seized large swathes of Syria and Iraq, claimed responsibility for the attack the day it happened but Egyptian officials were quick to dismiss talk of a bomb as premature.

Egypt is battling an Islamist insurgency in the Sinai, a strategic peninsula bordering Israel, Gaza and the Suez Canal. But Islamic State said the airline attack was primarily planned as a response to Russian and Western airstrikes.

"This was to show the Russians and whoever allies with them that they will have no safety in the lands and airspace of

"We will find them anywhere on the planet and punish them."

Putin said of the plane bombers at a somber Kremlin meeting

the Muslims," the group wrote. "That their daily killing of dozens in (Syria) through their airstrikes will only bring them calamities."

Russia, an ally of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, launched airstrikes against opposition groups in Syria including Islamic State, on Sept. 30.

Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed to hunt down those responsible for blowing up the plane and offered a \$50 million reward for information leading to those responsible. REUTERS



Video still from ISIS propaganda video shows scenes from Times Square.

New ISIS video shows Times Square, Herald Square as targets

New York City police officials assuaged worries over an Islamic State-produced video released Wednesday that depicts both Times Square and Herald Square as potential targets of attack.

NYPD Deputy Commissioner Stephen Davis said in a statement that there is no current or specific threat to either site or New York City as of Wednesday evening.

"We are aware of the newly released [ISIS] video that mentions Times Square," said Davis. "While some of the video footage is not new, the video reaffirms the message that New York City remains a top terrorist target."

The six-minute video shows snippets of clips with hands in prayer moments before the hands start building what appears to be an explosive device attached to a suicide vest as a man puts it on and hides it under clothing.

The man, whose face is never shown, is then seen in New York City scenery that includes Times Square, yellow

cabs and pedestrians seconds before it cuts to the man pulling a trigger.

SITE Intelligence Group, an organization that tracks jihadist groups and white supremacists, said the footage from the video was also previously released in April.

"While NYC is and has been a target for ISIS, today's video does not warrant any kind of panic," SITE director Rita Katz told Reuters.

Davis added that the Police Department would "remain at a heightened state of vigilance" and stay in communication with the larger intelligence community.

"In addition, we are continuing to deploy additional Critical Response Command teams throughout the city, out of an abundance of caution," Davis said.

The city was already on alert following the deadly coordinated attacks in Paris by Islamic State extremists that killed at least 129 people.

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Muslims remain wary of NYPD

Mayor de Blasio, NYPD Commissioner Bratton repeated calls to respect Muslim New Yorkers amid the city's counterterrorism response.



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Muslim student GETTY IMAGES

A renewed focus on counterterrorism efforts following the coordinated attacks in Paris by Islamic State extremists has local Muslim communities and civil rights activists alike keeping an eye on the New York City Police Department.

Most observers agreed the tenor of the de Blasio administration and One Police Plaza under Commissioner Bill Bratton

turned a corner from their predecessors and handled the balance between privacy and public safety.

Fahd Ahmed, legal and policy director of the Queens-based DRUM South Asian Organizing Center, said he recognized Bratton's decision to shutter a controversial unit tasked with tracking the Muslim community during the Bloomberg administration following the Sept. 11 attacks.

"But we do know for a fact that the police department's surveillance program is ongoing," Ahmed said, pointing to a series of joint NYPD and FBI investigations into Islamic State-related activities that makes it clear that New York City Muslims remain under the microscope.

The security of all communities is important, Ahmed said, but so are civil liberties. "These are basic freedoms," he said, "core values that are especially important in this particular moment."

Donna Lieberman, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, told Metro she remained optimistic about changes under Bratton and Mayor Bill de Blasio as they pursue the balance between safety and individual rights.

"It appears that the police department has not embraced the kind of dragnet approach that was so problematic in the past," Lieberman said, in reference to extensive re-

porting on how NYPD officers would rely on informants and surveillance of area mosques.

On Tuesday, Bratton told reporters that he saw no link between his department's ability to prevent possible attacks and his disbanding of the surveillance unit.

De Blasio also blasted rhetoric from presidential candidate Donald Trump indicating the Republican frontrunner would "strongly consider" shutting down mosques "because some of the ideas and some of the hatred ... coming from these areas."

De Blasio specifically attacked Trump's criticism of the New York Police Department's shutting down of NYPD's demographic unit.

"Mosques don't commit acts of terrorism — people do," the mayor said in a statement, adding that NYPD will investigate crimes, not shut down places of religious worship.

Still, Bratton has raised concerns multiple times since the Paris attacks about extremists and their access to data-encrypting technology that shuts out authorities ability to track possible plots.

The move to digital surveillance instead of stakeouts in mosques still troubled DRUM's Ahmed.

"It may have shifted more to online monitoring and less informants," Ahmed said, "but the community's concerns are largely the same."

"We do know for a fact that the police department's surveillance program is ongoing."

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Stigma prevails for people with HIV, NYC experts say

"Charlie Sheen's experience is no different than anyone living with HIV."

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Charlie Sheen's revelation on Tuesday's "Today" show that he is HIV-positive has local HIV/AIDS organizations speaking out about the stigma that remains more than 30 years after the epidemic started.

Kelsey Louie, CEO of Gay Men's Health Crisis, who also serves on Gov. Andrew Cuomo's task force to reduce the number of new HIV infections to 750 by 2020, said he's pleased the initial response to Sheen's announcement seems to be positive and "showing signs of compassion," especially on social media.

"We fear the media will create HIV hysteria which will further create shame and stigma," Louie said. "I think it's important to populate media with facts and appropriate information" on treatment options and



Sheen NBCUNIVERSAL

medications such as PrEP and PEP.

While new cases of HIV and AIDS are declining across New York, there were 50,000 new cases in 2014 nationally and the number of new cases have stayed stable, according to the CDC.

"The difference [from 30 years ago] is we have

the data and the tools to end the HIV epidemic ... what hasn't changed much is the shame and stigma still driving the epidemic, getting tested, disclosing and accessing treatment," Louie said.

Numbers for the first half of 2014 show 1,350 new HIV diagnoses and 783 deaths, according to the city's health department. In 2013, there were 2,832 new HIV diagnoses and 1,784 new AIDS cases.

When the numbers were released, Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, assistant commissioner of the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, told Metro the "belly" of the epidemic is under control

and the health department is focusing their efforts on at-risk groups including minorities and young people.

"Charlie Sheen's experience is no different than anyone living with HIV," said Sharen I. Duke,

executive director of ASCNYC, a multiservice agency that assists people at-risk or living with HIV/AIDS. "Stigma continues to be a challenge, and I think anybody who stands up and says they are HIV positive are brave and important to fighting the stigma that continues to persist."

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Gwen Stefani was her own inspiration for divorce

Apparently Gwen Stefani talking to a radio station about her divorce is a weekly thing now, and this week she's getting much more candid. And get this: Stefani found inspiration to split up with husband Gavin Rossdale by ... listening to her old No Doubt breakup songs. "I go back and listen to a lot of that stuff and get sick," she tells Washington, D.C.'s 94.7 Fresh FM. "You look at the song and go, 'That was a red flag and that was a moment where I was feeling just as bad as I do today and why did I keep it up?'"

As for the divorce

itself? She's looking on the bright side. "I wish it didn't happen. I wish that all this wasn't happening, but it was part of my life journey," she says. "In my life I've had two really bad heartbreaks, but I've written some really incredible music out of it." See? She really is a big fan of her work.



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All about Tom Brady's political aspirations

Some Patriots fans are eager to see Tom Brady head into politics after he's done with football — by running for governor of Massachusetts or, dare say, president — but the man himself is here to rain on that parade. "There is a 0.000 chance of me ever wanting to do that. I just think that no matter what you'd say or what you'd do, you'd be in a position where — you know, you're politicking. You know?" he tells GQ Magazine.

"Like, I think the great part about what I do is that there's a scoreboard. At the end of every week, you know how you did. You know how well you prepared. You know whether you executed your game plan. There's a tangible score. I think



in politics, half the people are going to like you and half the people are not going to like

you, no matter what you do or what you say." See? He just wants to be liked.

DAILY VIDEO



Cone Solidarity

What's a hardcore rapper who's also a sympathetic dog owner supposed to do when his four-legged friend ends up in a post-vet cone of shame? Cone solidarity, that's what.

This music video — that also benefits animal rescue charity the Amanda Foundation — is utterly ridiculous and delightful ...and then the sweet vocal bridge kicks in and it becomes sublime. Let's all don a cone. And relax with a scone.



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Here's to female heroes who are strong and complex



Natalie Dormer's Cressida and Jennifer Lawrence's Katniss Everdeen in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2" are two of the strong, complex female characters on screens this weekend. MURRAY CLOSE

This is going to be quite a weekend for fans of strong and complex heroines. On Friday, we're getting the final installment in the "Hunger Games" series, "Mockingjay — Part 2." We're also going to mark the release of the next Marvel series on Netflix, "Jessica Jones."

As much as I wish this weren't significant, it is. What we're going to see are strong women, but ones with flaws, meaning they'll actually resemble real people.

I know that sounds a bit strange, but think about a lot of the "strong female characters" we're used to. They get to be tough or vulnerable or a love interest. I've talked about this many times before, but today I'm thrilled to say that we're seeing more well-rounded people.

In Katniss Everdeen and Jessica Jones, we have women dealing with PTSD. With Katniss, it's from the horrors she experienced in the games and the manipulation of Peeta, her closest friend and maybe romantic interest who has been turned against her through torture by the government of District 13.

We don't see Katniss as a one-dimensional hero — something we often see with male action heroes as well — kicking ass, having a dark or touching moment here and there, but mostly shooting up enemies with a smirk on her face and a hot costume. We see her actually reacting to the trauma she's experienced. I think that's why she's so beloved. We like to think that if we were in a situation like that, we'd kick ass too. But once the action ends, there would be an emotional aftermath to deal with as well, and we're allowed to see hints that these characters' actions and experiences have consequences for them.

We'll see that in Jessica Jones as well. Fans of the comics know that this character was a former superhero who was mentally manipulated by The Purple Man. After enduring months of doing terrible things while under his control, she's left the superhero business and started up as a private investigator. As we can see from the promos, she's dealing with the consequences and not really doing it

JENNA BUSCH

Geek Girl in Hollywood

Jenna Busch takes on the way pop culture snubs its female fans. For more columns, visit metro.us/jenna-busch as well as her site, Legion of Leia (www.legionofleia.com)



very well. This is something we can all relate to.

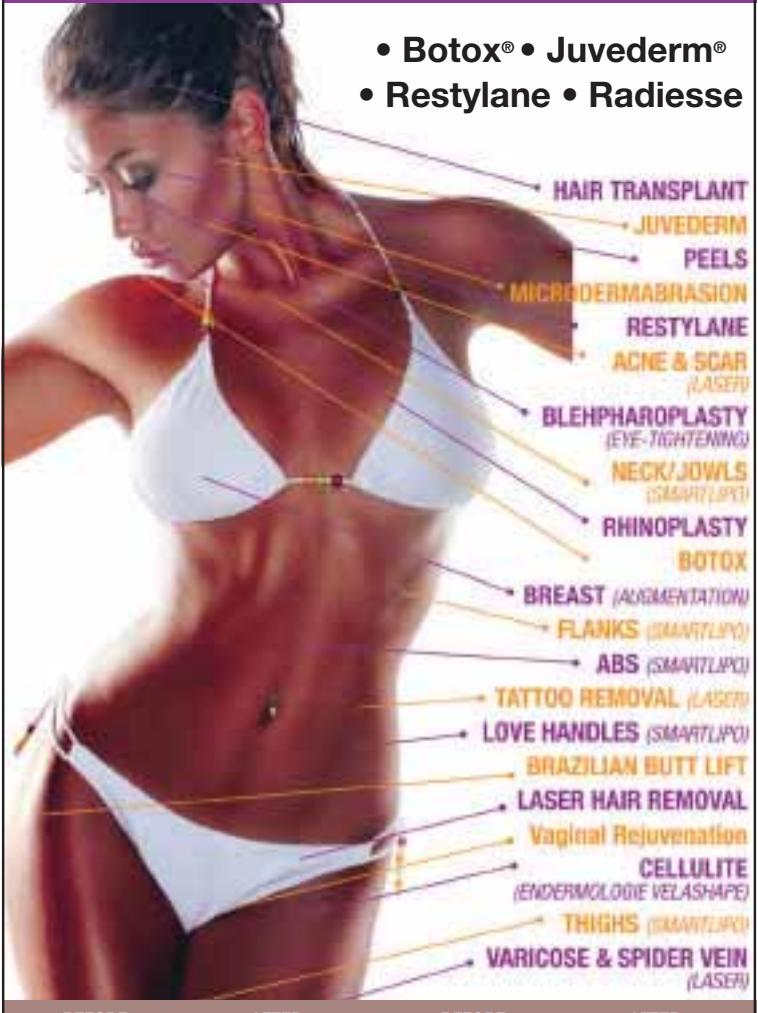
I'm thrilled that we're getting more real characters, especially in terms of women. I'll be calling in sick to work on Friday to drink it all in. Anyone else?

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Revisiting the Blacklist

John Goodman looks at another piece of Hollywood history with "Trumbo."

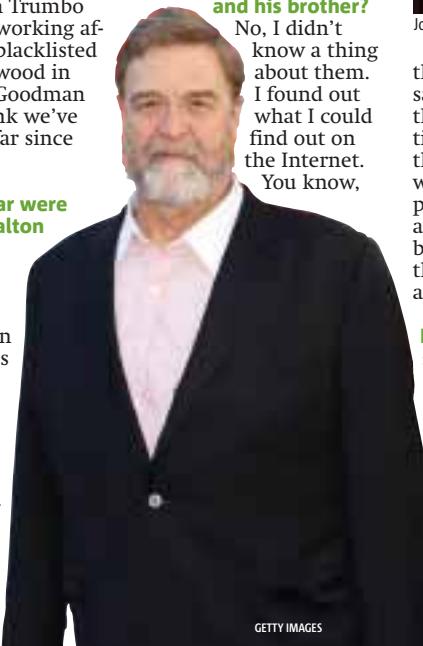


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John Goodman teams up with Bryan Cranston and director Jay Roach for "Trumbo," starring as Frank King, the brash B-movie mogul who kept Dalton Trumbo (Cranston) working after he was blacklisted from Hollywood in the 1950s. Goodman doesn't think we've come that far since then.

How familiar were you with Dalton Trumbo's story?

When I became interested in acting, I was drawn to the people from the Group Theater in New York and a lot of them went on to become very famous acting



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teachers. But then a lot of them also joined the Communist Party. So I knew about blacklisting from what had happened to them.

And I knew about the Hollywood 10, but not in a lot of great detail. I'd admired Dalton Trumbo, but my God, I had no idea he was as prolific as he was.

How about your character, Frank King? Were you at all familiar him and his brother?

No, I didn't know a thing about them. I found out what I could find out on the Internet. You know,

these guys were the same kind of people that founded the motion picture studios in the first place. They were involved in the pinball business, saw a way to make a quick buck. They were just there to make money and nothing else.

It almost seems strange now how much people freaked out over Communism.

It doesn't seem strange to me at all and it doesn't seem like we've learned our lessons very well. People are very good at manipulating fear for their own ends and for power. We have a lot

of lobbyists doing it, we have a lot of politicians who are buying into it. And these days of social media, it's becoming tribal almost — the group-shaming of people, beating up on people. It's very good at turning individuals into mobs — "this is what's right to think, this is what's correct." And people aren't afraid to use death threats now and really, really hateful speech. Doesn't seem like we've learned a lot.

It's scary how with social media you can create your own echo chamber.

Yeah, you listen to the groups that you want to



John Goodman stars as Frank King in "Trumbo." HILARY BRONWYN GAIL/BLEECKER STREET

Almost three decades with the Coens

You've had such a long and fruitful working relationship with the Coen Brothers, starting in 1987.

It started off with the audition for "Raising Arizona," and I just felt so comfortable. The script was dynamite. It was the funniest thing I'd ever read. And it was just

loose. I didn't go in there desperate for a job or anything like that, but I wound up having such a good time with them that the audition itself was worth the price of admission. We just hung out for a while. Then they wrote a couple of roles with me in mind. Yeah, it's been cool.

listen to and you don't listen to anybody else. That's as far as I want to go with that. I don't want to get into privacy and all that stuff, which has no bearing here. Well ... it does, because

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Casey Veggies stays rooted in family values

The 22-year-old rapper is friends with big players in the hip-hop game, but his new single features someone he's even closer to: his dad.

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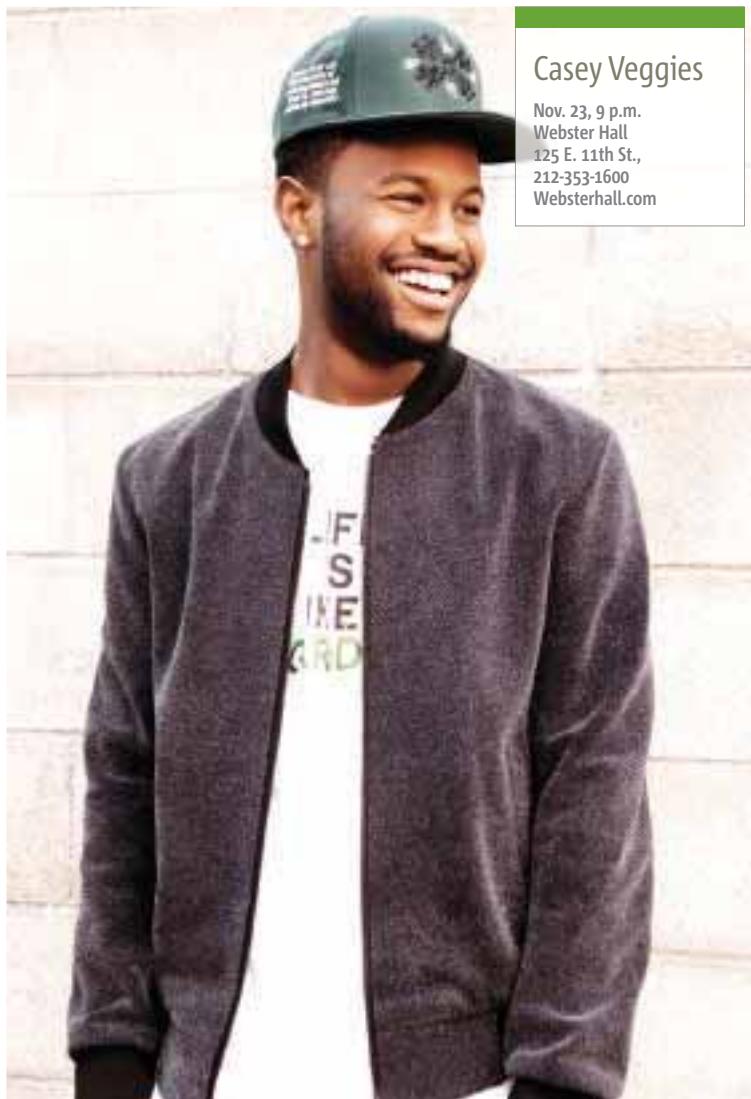
Casey Veggies' hit single "Backflip," which features YG and Iamsu!, generated more than three million views on YouTube. The rapper has performed with Kendrick Lamar, Rockie Fresh and Juicy J — he's friends with many seasoned artists in the rap game. But for his new track, "I'm the King," he chose to feature his dad over a boldfaced name.

All in the family

After all, his dad knows the biz. He's a former bodyguard for Jay Z. "He's always like that voice of reason for me," says Veggies, aka Casey Jones. "If I'm moving too fast and not thinking, he's always that person who can give me some advice. He doesn't always tell me what I want to hear — he tells what he feels I should hear."

Finding his focus

Veggies is an Inglewood, California, native who was part of the influential



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Odd Future collective. He started young. "I made my first mixtape when I was in ninth grade and people started to check me out, listening to it and vibing to it," Veggies says. "It was in 11th grade when I realized this is what I wanted to do."

doir. "Backflip" is a club banger with a poppy synth groove and "Actin' Up," with Dom Kennedy, celebrates life in the fast lane with a mesmerizing twangy guitar sample.

Not slowing down

But beyond the bright lights, "Live & Grow" is a tale of the artist coming to terms with the world around him. "I'm a young kid, 22, I'm out here dreaming big, trying to find out what's the next step," he says.

Besides his accelerating music career, Veggies also has a Puma sponsorship, a clothing line (Peas & Carrots) and a national tour. "I'm going to keep it all going," he says. "I'm going to stay on the grind."

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Proving that talent runs in the family, Wilson Phillips — made up of descendants from the Mamas and the Papas (Chynna Phillips) and the Beach Boys (Carrie and Wendy Wilson) — is playing all their hits (plus a few of their parents') to celebrate 25 years since the release of their first album.

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

Nov. 21, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts
2900 Campus Road
\$30, [Brooklyncenter.org](#)
Not just another tribute band, the 12-piece Art of Time Ensemble brings the Beatles to Brooklyn in a new experience of familiar songs. This Saturday, they'll be playing the "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" album straight through with inventive arrangements that pay homage to the original masterpiece's music and vocals.



COMEDY

"Bombed"

Nov. 19, 8:30 p.m.
Brit Pack, 34 Pell St.
Free
[www.britpackcomedy.tumblr.com](#)
You can be happy underground tonight at basement comedy spot Brit Pack. Hosted by Anne Victoria Clark (whose work you might've seen on SNL's "Weekend Update" or Funny or Die), "Bombed" gives a rotating list of rising comedians a chance to work out their material in front of a live audience. Not only is there no cover, but guests get to drink free beer at an open bar during the show (though donations are appreciated).

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HISTORY

The Discovery of King Tut

Nov. 21-May 1

Premier Exhibitions,
417 Fifth Ave.

\$29, [TutNYC.com](#)

There's maybe no better known figure from ancient Egypt than King Tut, the boy ruler whose tomb would become our best source of knowledge about the customs of his time. Many of the relics are too fragile to travel, so the over 1,000 objects in the show are replicas, but what makes this exhibition unique is that instead of putting them in display cases, they're arranged in scenes recreating the inside of his pyramid.

ARTS

Burton Morris: 100 Coca-Cola Bottles

Nov. 20-Dec. 6

SoHo Contemporary Art Gallery,
259 Bowery

Free, [Sohocontemporaryart.com](#)
To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Coca-Cola's iconic bottle, artist Burton Morris (known for his work on the TV show "Friends" and Absolut Vodka) is creating a special installation at the SoHo Contemporary Art Gallery. The exhibition features 100 original artworks dedicated to the bottle, while also paying a cheeky tribute to Pop artist Andy Warhol.

American Fine Crafts Show

Nov. 21-22, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Brooklyn Museum, 200 Eastern Parkway

\$16, [Americanfinecraftsshowbrooklyn.com](#)

The Brooklyn Museum's two-story Beaux-Arts Court will be filled with beautiful and eclectic artwork from around the world this weekend. The third annual show brings handmade pieces from about 100 international artists, whose work ranges from jewelry and fashion to furniture and woodwork. General admission is \$16, which includes access

to the museum, making it worth a day trip. Tickets at the door are cash only.

DRINKS

NY Autumn Wine Festival

Nov. 21, 3-6 & 8-11 p.m.

Broad Street Ballroom, 41 Broad St.

\$109, [Newyorkwineevents.com](#)

Well, it finally feels like autumn, so it's time to brush up on your red wine expertise. The fest features over 175 curated wines, as well as light bites (from cheese plates to sweets from The Luscious Little Dessert Company) and live jazz from trumpeter Aaron K. Hamilton.

EVENT

The Sh*t Show

Nov. 19-22

103 Norfolk St.

Free, [WaterAid.org](#)

World Toilet Day is not about crass humor, but sewage issues around the globe, and more than 30 artists are coming together for an exhibition to raise awareness — and, because this is the year of the emoji, launch WaterAid's #GiveAShit mobile app that lets you create custom poop emojis. They'll also be screening WaterAid's documentary, "Across the Tracks."

FILM

Turkeys for Thanksgiving

Nov. 20-29

BAM Rose Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn

\$14, [BAM.org](#)

America isn't perfect, even when it comes to the one thing that America's good at: making movies. Hollywood has produced some real turkeys, which is exactly what BAMcinematek is celebrating during the Turkeys for Thanksgiving series, featuring 17 critically panned films over 10 days. But one man's turkey is another's treasure, and many of the movies still managed to gain a following — ever heard of "The Wizard of Oz?"

THEATER

Celebrity Autobiography

Nov. 23, 7 p.m.

The Triad — Stage 72

158 W. 72nd St.; \$40-\$80

[Celebrityautobiography.com](#)

We've come a long way from fake book jackets; if you're enjoying the new Kardashian self-help book on your Kindle, nobody's the wiser. But you don't have to hide your guilty pleasure at "Celebrity Autobiography," a comedy that invites actors to read excerpts from A-listers' tell-all.

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Treasures of Byzantine Istanbul

Your first ports of call in Turkey's buzzing metropolis are probably its famous Ottoman mosques and palaces, but its Byzantine beauties are worth exploring too.



Mosaic
Museum

sturdy pillars, its darkened interior is adorned with intricate mosaics of Christ with Emperor Constantine IX and his wife Empress Zoe, and the Madonna and Child. Head upstairs to the gallery for a better view. After conquering Istanbul in 1453, Sultan Mehmet II ordered it to be cleansed and converted to a mosque. Outside, you'll see a fifth-century Byzantine frieze of sheep, one of the few remnants of the original structure.

1 Chora Church (Kariye Museum)

This tucked-away 11th-century church, now a museum, has an unadorned exterior of dense terra-cotta brick. But inside you'll see intricate 14th-century frescoes and mosaics on the domes and walls, considered some of the world's finest surviving Byzantine art. Golden mosaics illustrate scenes from the life of Christ and the Virgin Mary, with frescoes depicting Old Testament scenes. Like many churches here, it was converted to a mosque in 1511, soon after the Ottoman Conquest, and the art was plastered over. Thankfully, this helped to preserve them until they were uncovered a century ago.

Hagia Sophia

2 This hulking, dusky red building is a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture, rebuilt in the mid-sixth century under Emperor Justinian I. With a 184-foot-high dome and

4 Mosaic Museum
Break away from the Arasta Bazaar and enter through what remains of the Great Palace, once the headquarters of Emperor Justinian. It's now home to the Mosaic Museum, with huge sixth-century mosaics of lively hunting scenes, mythical beasts and all manner of nonreligious scenes. They're a far cry from the austere Biblical scenes of other Byzantine mosaics but a fascinating insight into the everyday artwork of the time.

3 Yerebatan Sarnıcı (Basilica Cistern)

This sixth-century subterranean cistern brought thousands of tons of water into the city. Today there are walkways eerily lit by red spotlights set between 336 columns. Scenes of the 1963 Bond film "From Russia With Love" were filmed here. Head to the northwest corner to see two Roman Medusa heads carved in stone. Ouside is the Million Stone, a Byzantine landmark marking the distances to other cities of the Empire.

5 Church of St. Mary of the Mongols The downside of this hidden-away church, tucked behind a high wall in Fener, is that it's not regularly open to the public. But if you get access (ring the bell for the caretaker) you'll be seeing the only Byzantine church that remained in Greek hands and was never converted to a mosque. Inside are tiny icons and shrines and a secret underground passageway that led all the way to the Hagia Sophia.

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PICKING APART DEFENSES

Making tough start/sit calls is the most stressful part of fantasy football. I absolutely hate it, especially when being on the wrong side results in a loss.

Many times these decisions are so close that it's hard to go wrong. But not being aware of a defense's strengths and weaknesses is an unforgiveable error. It might surprise you to find out that the public perception of these defenses is vastly different from their actual abilities.

Not a Jag against the run

There's a major Jaguars stigma out there. That's understandable, as they've gone 37-84 over the last eight seasons. But that doesn't mean we should want to start running backs against them. The Jaguars rank second in Football Outsiders' run-defense DVOA, a metric that analyzes a unit based on schedule and is independent of volume. The Jags are also giving up just 3.30 yards per carry, tops in the league.

Away from Revis Island

Darrelle Revis has played as expected this year, dominating whoever is in his path to the tune of a 44.3 passer rating against. But the Jets have struggled elsewhere, especially when the ball goes toward Antonio Cromartie. Opposing quarterbacks have a 135.3 passer rating when targeting Cro this year. This unit also sees a ton of volume, as they have the No. 1 DVOA run defense. Identifying which wide receiver Revis will be covering



The Jets' secondary is a mixed bag with Antonio Cromartie looking old and Darrelle Revis looking better than ever. GETTY IMAGES

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and making lineup decisions off that will be profitable down the stretch.

Buc up, son

Some owners are cursing Darren McFadden after a poor performance at Tampa in Week 10. Don't give up on him. The Bucs have quietly been excellent against the run all year, giving up

just 3.56 YPC and earning a top-4 DVOA grade in rush defense. The way to beat this unit is through the air, where they have been going through corners at a rapid pace. It's not going to be a cakewalk for DeMarco Murray this week as the Eagles host the Bucs.

NFL news

A whole fistful of teams are changing their quarterback ahead of Week 11. Peyton Manning's benching is great news for Demaryius Thomas and Manny Sanders, as Peyton has been a bottom-three NFL quarterback for a calendar year. Tony Romo (collarbone) re-

NFL matchups

Danny Amendola vs. BUF — He isn't Julian Edelman, but Amendola has good rapport with Tom Brady and will see a boost in snaps/targets.

Marvin Jones at ARI — Look for Patrick Peterson to shadow A.J. Green and Tyrann Mathieu to swallow up the slot. That leaves Jones to roam free.

Jordan Matthews vs. TB — Mark Sanchez loves to throw between the numbers and loves Matthews, as evidenced by last season.

turning to action will open the field for workhorse Darren McFadden, who is a top-8 running back the rest of the way. Mark Sanchez is a viable streamer, as we've seen him put up big numbers against bad defenses under Chip Kelly. And the Rams will get a boost from the aggressive, slinging style of Case Keenum.

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NHL power rankings | by Rich Slate

No. 1

**Rangers
(14-2-2)**



Finally, a little shakeup at the top of the power rankings! New York is on fire as it has won its last nine games in a row and is off to its best start in franchise history. New York is tied for the best goal-differential in the NHL (plus-25) and has allowed the fewest goals.

No. 6

**Blues
(12-6-1)**



The Blues would be in first or second place in any other division but their own (Central). As far as losses go, Tuesday's 3-1 setback in Columbus was pretty bad. Even worse, center Jori Lehtera (2 goals, 8 assists) left that game and went to the hospital after taking a stick to the throat area.

No. 2

**Stars
(15-4-0)**



The Rangers, Stars and Canadiens have clearly separated themselves as the NHL's elite teams so far this season. The Stars have won their last three games and they are 8-2-0 in their last 10 contests. Dallas' explosive offense has scored an NHL-best 68 goals.

No. 4

**Predators
(11-3-3)**



For now, Nashville is the second-best team in the West. The Predators will be celebrating Thanksgiving on the road as their next five games are away from the Music City. They have the second-best goal-differential in the West (plus-13) and they have allowed the second-fewest goals (40).

No. 3

**Canadiens
(14-3-2)**



Colorado came to the Bell Centre and beat Montreal 6-1 on Saturday, the most shocking result thus far in 2015-16. Goaltender Carey Price was at practice on Wednesday so he should be returning to game action shortly. Great news for the Canadiens and their fans.

No. 5

**Kings
(12-6-0)**



The Kings have won their last three games and they are 7-3-0 in their last 10 to reclaim first place in the Pacific Division. They have allowed the fewest goals in the West (38) and they are 5-1-0 on the road this season. L.A. kicked off its five-game road trip with a 3-2 shoot out win in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

No. 9

**Islanders
(10-6-3)**



The Islanders are still a bit of an enigma, it's tough to figure them out. A home-and-home set with the Canadiens this weekend (Friday in Brooklyn and Sunday in Montreal) should provide some clarity. New York has a goal-differential of plus-10, which is solid.

NFL

**Jets GM happy
with Wilkerson
but new deal will
have to wait**

The time and place for locking up Jets defensive end Muhammad Wilkerson to a long-term deal will come when the offseason is over, so says general manager Mike Maccagnan — who hailed one of his team's biggest stars while preaching that his team will get through this season before re-igniting contract talks.

Wilkerson, in the last year of his rookie contract, has been seeking a long-term deal from the team since last offseason. He



Muhammad Wilkerson. GETTY IMAGES

missed offseason workouts and OTAs during the spring, creating questions of a possible hold-out. But the former first-round pick made minicamp, as well as training camp, despite no long-term deal being reached.

"Mo has done a very good job and we're very happy with what he's done so far. And even just having been around him more now than I was in the offseason, obviously missing time in offseason and OTAs, but everything with my standpoint from Mo has been positive," Maccagnan said on Wednesday when he met with reporters at the team's facility. "I think as a team we're very happy with Mo. Those are things we'll address when the season is over."

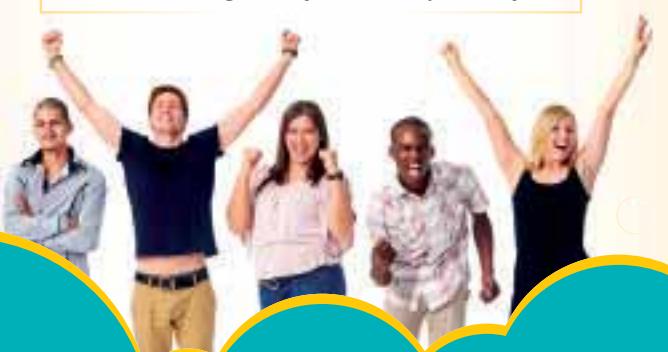
Wilkerson was an All-Pro selection in 2013. He has 38 tackles this year and seven sacks, the latter of which leads the Jets.

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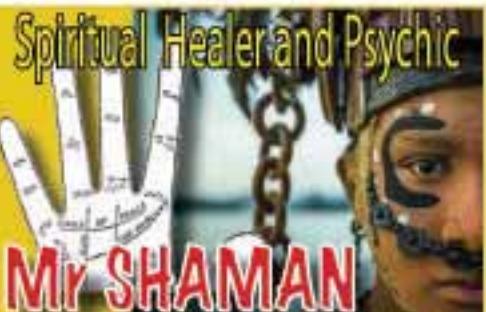
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Taurus Don't be fooled by someone looking for a handout. A sob story is meant to make you feel bad. Protect your assets.



Gemini You'll face complaints if you don't live up to a promise. Take care of responsibilities so that you can move on to more enjoyable pastimes.



Cancer You can expand your interests and knowledge if you research or travel to different philosophies or destinations.



Leo Put your heart into being your best. Trying a new look, honing your skills or finding a way to turn what you do best into a profitable endeavor.



Virgo You will have plenty of insight into ways to overcome any obstacles you face. Live within your means in order to ease stress.



Libra You are in dire need of a change. Update your image or join a club or group that offers opportunities to meet experienced people.



Scorpio If you are true to yourself, you will have no regrets. Implement interesting changes to your current plans to reach a new level of success.



Sagittarius You'll be criticized if you are shortsighted regarding what you can handle. You'll fall behind if you are too ambitious.



Capricorn Speak up and see what others have to say. Talks will lead to insightful suggestions and the promise of the support you need.



Aquarius A unique concept, philosophy or service will attract your attention. Consider ways to utilize your skill set with what you've discovered.



Pisces A settlement is heading your way. Have a plan ready to put any extra cash you receive into a practical long-term investment. **EUGENIA LAST**

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9	5			7	6		3

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Across

- 1 Called, as a crow
- 6 Spookily strange
- 10 Romantic island
- 14 Teresa's town
- 15 Galactic firework
- 16 Mine exit
- 17 "Good Golly, Miss —"
- 18 Obi-Wan player
- 19 Go wild about
- 20 Young raptors
- 22 More slow-moving
- 24 Moon, in verse
- 26 Piano fixers
- 27 Wash
- 31 Fictional collie
- 32 Cugat specialty
- 33 Succeed (2 wds.)
- 36 Yuppie's auto
- 39 Nile wader
- 40 Tempestuous
- 41 Art-class model
- 42 Wager
- 43 Sci-fi or romance
- 44 Lipstick holder
- 45 TGIF part
- 46 Housed a horse
- 48 Adding staff
- 51 Ben- —
- 52 Parsley cousin
- 54 Shelved for now
- 59 Comparable
- 60 Poetic foot
- 62 Madrid art gallery
- 63 Veneer wood
- 64 Columbus' small-
- est ship
- 65 Spookily strange
- 66 Bookie's figures
- 67 Smooth-tongued
- 68 Grasping sort

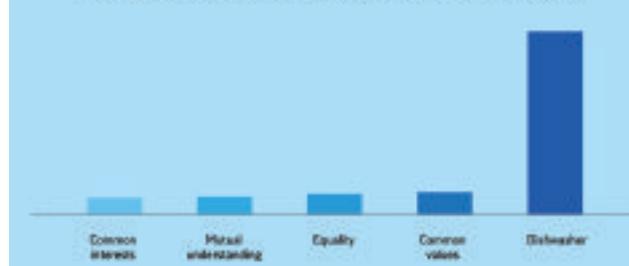
Down

- 1 Hunter's wear
- 2 Declare solemnly
- 3 Resolve
- 4 She, in Calais
- 5 — 500 race
- 6 Compilation
- 7 Divulged
- 8 Plain as day
- 9 "History of England" penner
- 10 — in (interrupted)
- 11 Robin of balladry
- 12 Feline nine
- 13 Caesar's route
- 21 Next year's alums
- 23 Pitbull sound
- 25 Fall to
- 27 Cattle stall
- 28 Garage job
- 29 Radiate
- 30 Sit-ups firm them
- 34 Above, in verse
- 35 Crisp
- 36 Ives of "Bluetail Fly"
- 37 Dept. store inventory
- 38 Unwanted plant
- 40 Boxing ploy
- 41 Worn-down pencil
- 43 Silly smile
- 44 Castle wall
- 45 Hot dogs
- 47 Famed mummy
- 48 Yanked up a sock
- 49 Old war story
- 50 Knight's quest
- 52 "Elder" statesman
- 53 All, in combos
- 55 La — Tar Pits
- 56 Carefree escapade
- 57 Ms. Falco
- 58 Active sort
- 61 Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom (abbr.)

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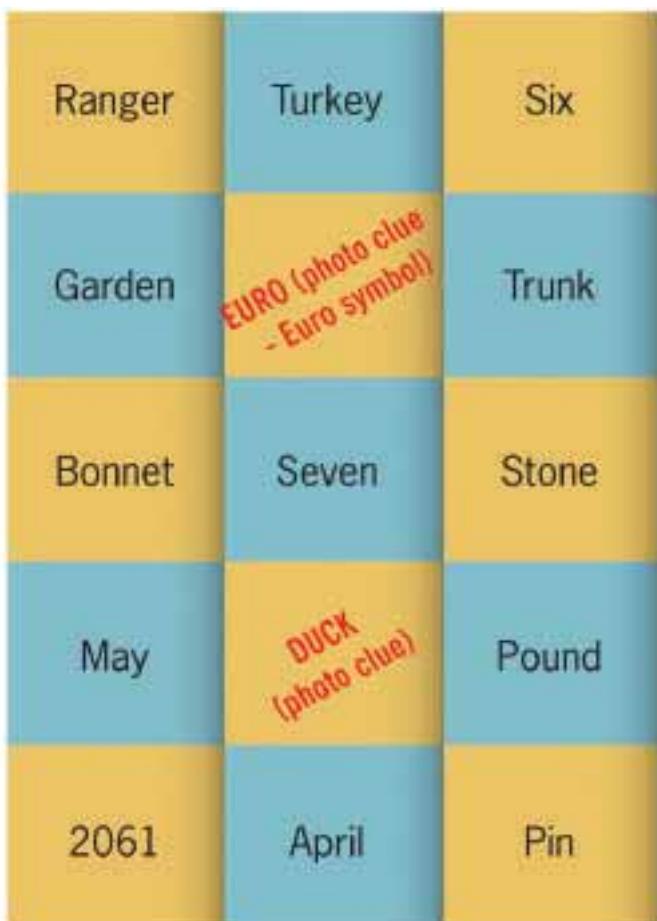
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This is the mystery answer.



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Clues:

- Month in which Patriots' Day falls
- The sort of animal that Disney's Donald is
- Points scored for a touchdown in football
- Classic Enid Blyton series, "The Secret ..."
- Weight unit that's equal to 16 ounces
- The indomitable Chuck Norris starred in "Walker, Texas ..."
- The currency of Ireland
- When Halley's Comet will next be seen from Earth
- Guitarist with rock legends Queen, Brian ...
- Country that's home to the Sea of Marmara
- This word is an anagram of "danger"
- Bowling alley target
- Small ribbon-tied hat
- Bob Dylan hit, "Like a Rolling ..."

ANAGRAM SQUARE

Rearrange the letters in each row to form a word. Write your answers into the blank grid. The first letter from each word, reading down, will spell the mystery word.

1	L	O	C	O	R
2	G	E	L	I	A
3	I	S	E	N	O
4	L	I	D	A	Y
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